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## **Joint Board Matter**

**Chairman Bulova**  
**Supervisor McKay**

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Madam Chairman—The Fairfax County Park Foundation, Inc. (FCPF) is a private, nonprofit corporation that supports the Fairfax County Park Authority by raising private funds, obtaining grants, and creating partnerships that supplement tax dollars to meet our community's needs for park land, facilities, and service. The Foundation is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and has already amassed a list of accomplishments.

The FCPF has worked with the Friends of Clemyjontri to launch the County's first fully accessible park, named as Best Playground by Washingtonian magazine. It acquires funding for the Fairfax County Park Authority's popular summer entertainment series, including the award-winning Ossian Hall International Series and Arts in the Parks. The current Chessie's Big Backyard campaign will fund an accessible playground as part of the Chesapeake Bay-themed family recreation area at Lee District Park.

Private donations to the Park Foundation supplement the Open Space Land Preservation Fund established by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in

2001. The Park Foundation provides ongoing support for the Trail Building Fund that contributed to our Fairfax County cross county trail. FCPF gifts fund need-based scholarships including park classes, REC-Pac Summer Camp for children, and PACT camps for children in homeless shelters and transitional housing. The Eakin Philanthropy Award was established by the Park Foundation in 2009 to recognize significant park contributions. It is named in honor of LeRoy Eakin, Sr. who donated the first park land in 1951. The Park Foundation has also partnered with the County's Community Wildlife Habitat certification, a program of the National Wildlife Federation. The National Recreation and Park Association presented its 2010 National Corporate Humanitarian award to the Foundation.

Madam Chairman—I ask that members of the Fairfax County Park Foundation be invited to come before the Board of Supervisors on February 28 to receive a proclamation recognizing the Foundation for its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and accomplishments.